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For. **SURFACE TREATING PROCESS, SURFACE TREATING APPARATUS,
VAPOR-DEPOSITING MATERIAL, AND RARE EARTH METAL-BASED
PERMANENT MAGNET WITH SURFACE TREATED**

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Supplemental Amendment is being filed to correct a typographical error in the Preliminary Amendment filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 20, 2006. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows: